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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hastings et al.

Application Serial No.: 09/037,460

Filed: March 10, 1998

For: Human Vascular IBP-Like Growth Factor
Polynucleotides (as amended)



Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Saoud, C.

Attorney Docket No.: PF147D1

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 24, 2000 (Paper No. 16), Applicants hereby request that the following remarks be entered into the above captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal and (b) a Petition for Extension of Time for two months up to and including March 27, 2000. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 108-112 and add the following new claims:

Sub-31 --115. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleic acid encoding amino acids +30 to +44 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) a nucleic acid encoding amino acids +55 to +69 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:2 or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 75874, wherein the polypeptide fragment binds an antibody having specificity for the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2;

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